


MAYOR AND COUNCIL – STUDY SESSION

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY JANUARY 25, 2005

FROM: CITY MANAGER



Mayor Robert E. Walkup called the Study Session to order at 12:35 P.M. in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall Tower, Tucson, Arizona.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert E. Walkup
Vice-Mayor Kathleen Dunbar, (Ward 3)
Council Member Jose J. Ibarra, (Ward 1)
Council Member Carol West, (Ward 2)
Council Member Shirley C. Scott, (Ward 4)
Council Member Steve Leal, (Ward 5)
Council Member Fred Ronstadt, (Ward 6)

STAFF: Mike Letcher, City Manager
Liz R. Miller, Assistant City Manager
Mike Rankin, City Attorney
Kathleen Detrick, City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION	STAFF ACTION
<p>1. Executive Session – Flowing Wells Irrigation District’s Central Arizona Project Allocation (City-Wide) SS/JAN25-05-19</p> <p>Council Member West MOVED, SECONDED by Council Member Ronstadt to go into Executive Session for Item # 1 as noticed in the agenda.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 5 to 2 (Council Members Scott and Leal dissenting).</p> <p>Council Member Scott made a SUBSTITUTE MOTION, SECONDED by Council Member Leal to hold the discussion in Open Session. At this time the City Attorney, Mike Rankin advised that since the original motion passed a substitute motion was not proper.</p>	

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<p>1. Executive Session – Flowing Wells Irrigation District’s Central Arizona Project Allocation (City-Wide) SS/JAN25-05-19 (Continued from previous page)</p> <p>Council Member Ibarra MOVED, SECONDED by Council Member West to reconsider the action taken to go into Executive Session for item #1 as noticed in the Agenda.</p> <p>Motion PASSED a vote of 5 to 2 (Mayor Walkup and Vice Mayor Dunbar dissenting).</p>	
<p>2. Mayor and Council Direction Regarding Executive Session – Flowing Wells Irrigation District’s Central Arizona Project Allocation (City-Wide) SS/JAN25-05-20</p> <p>There was no action taken on this item.</p>	<p><u>CITY ATTORNEY AND DIR. OF UTILITY SERVICES</u> Are informed</p>
<p>3. Homeland Security Federal Grant Funding for the City of Tucson (City-Wide) SS/JAN25-05-23</p> <p>Presentation was made, there was no formal direction given to staff at this time.</p>	<p><u>FIRE CHIEF AND CHIEF OF POLICE</u> Are informed</p>
<p>4. Discussion of Growth, Future Development and the Role of Water Policy (City-Wide and Outside City) SS/JAN25-05-24</p> <p>After the staff presentation the following questions were posed by the governing body:</p> <p>Mayor Walkup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interested in annexing State Lands, how can we make that happen?• How can we make Tucson Water the most economical and environmentally sound choice for a developer (increase incentives).• Interested in a plan to expand reclaimed water to neighborhoods, affordably.• Urged that the necessary time be taken to develop “the right” future water service policy.	<p><u>DIRS. OF URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN AND UTILITY SERVICES</u> Are responsible</p>

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4. Discussion of Growth, Future Development and the Role of Water Policy (City-Wide and Outside City) SS/JAN25-05-24 (Continued from previous page)

Council Member Ronstadt:

- Incentive package to entice folks to use Tucson Water (renewable versus mining groundwater)
 - What would it take (benefit package or public pressure?)
 - Urged staff to seek input from stakeholders within the MPA to determine what needs to happen.
- Referenced slide on bottom of page 9 regarding “annexation providing positive fiscal opportunities.” What is the true cost benefits of development occurring inside the City (or the true costs of allowing development outside our community)?
- Expand the conversation on the “things out of our control” noted by Mr. Elias, specifically what can the Mayor and Council do to influence regional planning outside the City limits? (Sewer).
- Who will pay the Water Resource Fee?

Council Member Scott:

- What was the water policy prior to the arrival of CAP and its allocation? Compare with what we have today.
- Policy question – How would we deal with the following scenario - (eg KB Home inside triangle area, assume no problem hooking into Tucson Water. KB swaps land in tech park to pursue residential development. Now that they are outside City limits, what is the policy?) How would this scenario differ from Corona de Tucson?
- Have we pursued other CAP re-allocations in the past and are there other re-allocations (CAP) in the area that we could be pursuing in any way?

Council Member Leal:

- Referenced page 9, Slide 3, regarding positive fiscal opportunities associated with annexation. Are indirect costs included in the analysis? (all City departments)
- Referenced page 9, Slide #1 What will the Water Resources Fee pay for? What other public money must be spent to accommodate development?

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<p>4. Discussion of Growth, Future Development and the Role of Water Policy (City-Wide and Outside City) SS/JAN25-05-24 (Continued from previous page)</p> <p>Utility Services Director David Modeer informed Vice Mayor Dunbar and Council Member West that Senators Flake and Blendu are the primary sponsors of the “Exempt Well Legislation.”</p>	
<p>5. Economic Development Corporation Update (City-Wide) SS/JAN25-05-21</p> <p>Council Member Ibarra MOVED, SECONDED by Council Member Ronstadt to approve the City Manager’s recommendation to return with an IGA with Pima County, the University of Arizona, and Pima Community College so that a regional economic development non-profit entity can be formed on behalf of the parties to provide a strategic focus to recruitment, retention/expansion, and creation activities.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p> <p>Council Member Leal noted that baseline data should be gathered now in order to properly compare and measure future outcomes.</p>	<p><u>KAREN THORESON, ASST. CITY MANAGER</u> Is responsible</p>
<p>6. Mayor and Council Subcommittee Reports (City-Wide) SS/JAN25-05-16</p> <p>Council Member Scott reported on the January 19th meeting of the Transportation Subcommittee</p> <p>Council Member Ibarra noted the Neighborhoods Subcommittee would be bringing forward the plan for Vacant and Dilapidated Properties on February 8th and announced the Neighborhoods Subcommittee and the Growth Subcommittee will hold a joint meeting on February 11th.</p> <p>Council Member Ronstadt reported on the meeting for the Downtown and Rio Nuevo Subcommittee.</p>	

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<p>7. Mayor and Council Discussion of Regular Agenda SS/JAN25-05-17</p> <p>City Manager Mike Letcher requested the following item be considered separately:</p> <p><u>6-I - Elections: Calling a Bond Special Election to be Held on May 17, 2005, Relating to the Issuance and Sale of \$142 Million of Bonds for Water System Improvements</u></p>	
<p>8. Mayor and Council Discussion of Future Agendas SS/JAN11-05-18</p> <p>Council Member Scott MOVED, SECONDED by Council Member Ibarra to reconsider the action taken December 6, 2004 regarding transfer of the Flowing Wells Irrigation District's CAP Allocation.</p> <p>Motion FAILED by a vote of 2 to 5 (Mayor Walkup, Vice Dunbar, Council Members Ibarra, West and Ronstadt dissenting)</p> <p>Council Member Ronstadt inquired about a Financial Sustainability Plan. City Mike Letcher advised work sessions on this would be scheduled following the budget discussions.</p>	<p><u>CITY MANAGER</u> Is responsible</p>
<p>RECESS: 3:28 p.m. RECONVENE: 5:35 p.m. MAYOR & COUNCIL: ALL PRESENT STAFF: ALL PRESENT</p>	
<p>9. Barriers to Good Urban Design – Report from Roundtable SS/JAN25-05-22</p> <p>Staff presentation was made, no formal direction given to staff.</p> <p>City Manager outlined the next steps as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Neighborhood Infill Coalition (NIC) will make a presentation at a Feb 11th joint meeting of the Neighborhood and Growth Subcommittees.• Both reports will be sent to the Infill Subcommittee of the Planning Commission for consideration.	<p><u>DIRS. OF URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN AND DEV. SERVICES</u> Are informed</p>

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ADJOURNMENT: 6:05 p.m.

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